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SUBJECT: OPRED - COMMERCE/NOAA PROPOSAL TO ASSIGN
TECHNICIAN TO SAN JOSE

1. COMMERCE/NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION
(NOAA) WISHES TO ASSIGN A PHYSICAL SCIENCE TECHNICIAN
(GS-11) TO SAN JOSE, COSTA RICA FOR ABOUT TWO YEARS TO PRO-
TECT US INVESTMENT IN METEOROLOGICAL AND COMMUNICATIONS
FACILITIES AND TO ASSURE THAT NOAA'S NATIONAL WEATHER SER-
VICE GETS MUCH NEEDED DATA FROM THE AREA. THE POSITION
WOULD PROVIDE BACK-UP AND MAINTENANCE FOR THE UPPER-AIR
STATIONS AT SAN JOSE, CHOLUTECA, AND GUATEMALA CITY; THE
AUTOMATIC PICTURE TRANSMISSION (APT) SYSTEMS AT TEGUCIGALPA,
GUATEMALA CITY, AND SAN SALVADOR; THE SINGLE SIDE BAND
(SSB) TRANSCEIVERS IN HONDURAS, GUATEMALA, AND NICARAGUA;
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TURBIDITY EQUIPMENT INNICARAGUA AND GUATEMALA; AND THE

COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT ASSOCIATED WITH THE CEMET CIRCUIT
(A COMMITTED CIRCUIT FOR METEOROLOGICAL PERSONNEL) IN
THOSE COUNTRIES.

2. POSITION WOULD BE OFFSET BY ABOLISHING NOAA US POSITION
IN THE NETHERLANDS ANTILLES AT CURACAO.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: COMMENTS OF COM ON THIS PROPOSAL,
INCLUDING ANY IMPACT ON ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT CAPABILITIES
OF EMBASSY. IN ADDITION, COMMERCE BELIEVES THAT A COOP-
ERATIVE AGREEMENT WITH COSTA RICA MAY BE NECESSARY TO
EFFECT THIS PROPOSAL. YOUR VIEWS ON THIS MATTER WILL BE
APPRECIATED. ROGERS

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